

III. REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for extending the courtesy of a telephone interview on April 28, 2004, during which he stated that he would prefer a written response.

The Examiner states that there is no specific detail in claim 1 that can suggest that the flag in Kasper cannot be used as a notification message of the claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that this kind of interpretation is, however, hindsight, because Kasper's flag does not provide the same functionality as the notification message of claim 1.

Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has ignored the fact that in claim 1 a notification message is stored in a terminal and the connection on the basis of which the notification message is erased originates from the same device. In Kasper, on the other hand, a flag is set in a network element and the connection on the basis of which the flag is cleared originates from the mobile subscriber, i.e., from a separate device (paragraph 3, lines 49-50 and 65-66). Kasper does not indicate any reason for having these operations in the same device. A person skilled in the art would thus not have had any motivation for erasing a notification message from a user terminal on the basis of Kasper.

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to recite "...contacting from the terminal a specific address for gaining access to said first information based on said notification message; ..."

This subject matter has been presented for example on page 7, line 26 - page 8, line 6. In the passage an example is presented wherein, while a user of a mobile station is not using his mobile station, four voice messages have been stored in the personal

voice mailbox of the user of the mobile station and, as a notification of this, four SMS messages (or other suitable messages) have been sent to the user's mobile station. Then, when the user of the mobile station begins to use his mobile station and notices the SMS messages (notification messages), he contacts his voice mailbox on the basis of the SMS messages sent on the initiative of the voice mailbox, that is, on the basis of the notification messages.

In response to (a specific procedure relating to) this contacting the four SMS messages are then automatically erased from the user's mobile station (page 9, lines 18-29).

With regard to Kasper, therein having a flag set does not have any causal relation to opening a connection on the basis of which the flag is cleared. That is, the mobile subscriber in Kasper does not know whether a flag is set or not before opening a connection, whereas in amended claims 1 and 16 the connection is opened specifically on the basis of the notification message. This amendment thus further distinguishes claims 1 and 16 from the teachings of Kasper.


Similarly, Kaisto does not disclose these features. Thus combining Kasper with Kaisto does not result in the present invention. Hence the rejection of claims 1-4 and 6-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103 on this combination of references should be withdrawn.

Also, Narusawa fails to disclose these features. Thus combining it with Kasper and Kaisto does not result in the present invention. Hence the rejection of claim 5 on this combination of references under 35 U.S.C. §103 should be withdrawn.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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